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Extract from the Staff Meeting Minutes of 27 February 1980:

Hitz reported HPSCI Chairman Boland has introduced H.R.6588 as a House companion bill to S.2284 re Charter Legislation. He explained the difficult situation re a stalemate developing between the Senate and Administration on the issues of "full access" and "prior notification" which have been muddied somewhat by media reporting. He said that unless the Senate and the Administration come together on this, upcoming HPSCI hearings will be problematical and passage of legislation would be unlikely this year. Mr. Carlucci commented on the importance of having Executive Order language on these issues included in the Charter Legislation to protect against misinterpretation. Relatedly, he said more attention needs to be given to the employee benefits and death gratutity bill. He noted the President's decision that automaticity with State benefits for CIA is not to be included in relation to the granting of benefits to State. Silver explained this decision by the President was pursuant to a last minute letter from OMB, i.e., an OMB request to the President that benefits for CIA be considered on a case-by-case basis. Silver said he is trying to find out via Arnie Donahue, OMB, exactly what this means from OMB's point of view and how it is to be handled and to be sure that the language is clear. Silver advised Mr. Carlucci to evade questions relating to this issue until the situation is made clear. Mr. Carlucci asked Hitz and Silver to work it out. (Action: OGC and OLC)

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